

**Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary  
Sanctuary Advisory Council  
Research Activities Panel**

**September 13, 2004**

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Dean's Conference Room at the Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and  
Management, UCSB**

The focus of our first meeting will be to review the *Staff Preliminary Working Draft Environmental Document for Consideration of a Network of Marine Reserves and Marine Conservation Areas within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary* (Preliminary Document). The Preliminary Document can be reviewed and downloaded at <http://www.cinms.nos.noaa.gov/marineres/main.html>. The Sanctuary Advisory Council will be providing official comments to the Sanctuary Manager at their September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, therefore we need to begin our first meeting prepared to tackle this important task. Following public input on this document, the Sanctuary will prepare a formal draft EIS.

Specifically, the Research Activities Panel will review the purpose and need for the proposed action, the range of alternatives, and the analyses, methodologies, and data sources. The RAP does not need to comment on all sections of the Preliminary Document; please see guidance below for your review.

The purpose and need statements are in the following sections (for review):

p 5-6.	Section 1.2.	Need for Action
p 6-7.	Section 1.3.	Purpose for Taking Action

Descriptions of the alternatives are in the following sections (for review):

p 15-16.	Section 2.2.5.	State MPAs
p 23-35.	Section 3.2.	Description of the Alternatives

The ecological analyses are in the following sections (for review):

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Additional background information is in the following sections (optional review):

p 8-9.	Section 2.2.1.	Federal Fishery Management
p 10.	Section 2.2.3.1	Marine Zoning in the NMSP
p 19-20.	Section 3.1.1.	Marine Reserves: An Ecosystem Management Tool
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p 106-108.	Section 9.3.1.	Applying Data
p 109-117.	Section 9.4.	Biogeographic Description of the State Reserves

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